

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Yamashita et al

Art Unit:

Serial No:

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Examiner:

For: Surfactant, Process for Producing the Same, and  
Detergent Composition

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.